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HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 8, 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/226 of 8 April 1993,

Bearing in mind the views expressed by Member States on human resources management questions in the Fifth Committee during the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly,

Having considered the relevant reports on human resources management questions submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, 1/

Having heard the views expressed by the recognized staff representatives in the Fifth Committee in accordance with its resolution 35/213 of 17 December 1980,

Recognizing that the staff of the Organization is an invaluable asset of the United Nations, and commending its contribution to furthering the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

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1/ A/C.5/49/5, A/49/527, A/C.5/49/L.8, A/C.5/48/37 and Add.1, A/C.5/49/32, A/C.5/49/14, A/C.5/49/13, A/49/406, A/49/445, A/49/587 and Corr.1, A/C.5/48/45, A/49/176 and Add.1, A/49/219 and Add.1 and A/49/564.

1. Reiterates its full support for the Secretary-General as the chief administrative officer of the Organization, and underlines its full respect for his prerogatives and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Expresses its support for the efforts of the Secretary-General towards the development of a management environment and culture in the Organization that is supportive of having staff members contribute to their maximum potential, effectiveness and efficiency;

I. Human resources management planning

Welcoming the integrated approach adopted by the Secretary-General to human resources management planning as reflected in his strategy for the management of the human resources of the Organization,

Concerned about the existing problems in vacancy management,

Taking note with appreciation of the Report of the Joint Inspection Unit, 2/

1. Endorses the strategy for the management of the human resources of the Organization contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

2. Approves the establishment of a planning unit within the Office of Human Resources Management, authorizes the use of general temporary assistance funds in the amount of 496,100 United States dollars, for this purpose in 1995, requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of the final performance report for the biennium 1994-1995, and also requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive proposal for the continued funding of this planning unit in the context of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

3. Approves the proposals of the Secretary-General for implementation of the Performance Appraisal System, requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to implement them from within existing overall resources, if necessary concentrating on the P-4 level and above world wide in 1995, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that from 1 April 1996 the system is implemented at all levels;

4. Notes that the strategy proposes to explore alternative ways of recruiting staff and that the Secretary-General intends to implement them on a limited and experimental basis, but requests the Secretary-General to ensure that such projects are monitored and evaluated closely and in a timely manner both for effectiveness and cost;

2/ A/49/219, annex.

3/ A/C.5/49/5.

5. Expresses its concern about the potential adverse effects of the use of retirees on recruitment and promotion in the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General in this regard to submit detailed information to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-ninth session on the practice of the use of retirees in the United Nations Secretariat, including information on their effectiveness, number, nationality, gender, fields of work, remuneration, duration of contracts and the reasons for their employment;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the Performance Appraisal System including at the under-secretary-general level, and to ensure that equal employment opportunities for staff selection and advancement, career counselling for staff and appropriate staff training and development are identified as specific performance indicators in the performance appraisal of all managers;

7. Welcomes the efforts by the Secretary-General to develop and strengthen the internship and fellowship programmes, regrets that there may be a need temporarily to postpone the implementation of these programmes, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to identify resources for this purpose and would welcome the contributions of Member States to that end;

8. Notes that the strategy for the management of the human resources of the Organization requires the active implementation, as a management tool, over a period of several years beginning in 1995, of an enhanced attrition programme, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the initial phase of implementation of the programme in the context of the agenda item on the regular budget for 1996-1997, together with proposals on the longer term management of separation and retention, and the future use of agreed separation arrangements after the current programme has been completed, with a view to avoiding the need for such programmes in the future;

9. Notes also that the strategy calls for mobility on the part of all new internationally recruited staff, also notes that staff regulation 1.2 gives the Secretary-General the authority to assign all internationally recruited staff to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations, and therefore urges the Secretary-General to apply the mobility elements of the new strategy to internationally recruited staff;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to give particular attention to effective vacancy management in implementing the new strategy for the management of human resources;

11. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 7 of its report, 4/ requests the Secretary-General to integrate, for budgetary presentation and management purposes, Professional posts P-1/P-2 and P-3/P-4, and requests that these recommendations be implemented on an experimental basis in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

4/ A/48/7/Add.1.

12. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to hold national competitive examinations at the P-1 and P-2 levels as a useful tool to select the best-qualified candidates;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to hold national competitive examinations at the P-3 level, with due regard to the promotion prospects at the P-2 level and a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. Urges the Secretary-General to take all the necessary measures to ensure that successful candidates at the P-2 and P-3 levels are offered positions within one year after their selection, subject to the availability of approved posts;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to give due priority to training and implementation of the strategy in drafting the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

II. Composition of the Secretariat

Bearing in mind the report of the Working Group on the equitable geographical distribution of Member States in the Secretariat, 5/

Reiterating the need for the full implementation of the principle of equitable geographical distribution when appointing staff in the Secretariat,

Concerned that the Secretary-General did not resume the annual publication of the list of staff of the United Nations as of 30 June 1993,

1. Reaffirms that no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States, and trusts that the Secretary-General respects this principle when appointing staff members, including at the highest level;

2. Recognizes that the system of desirable ranges is the principal guideline for the recruitment of staff for geographical representation of Member States in posts subject to geographical distribution in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Urges the Secretary-General, whenever making appointments at all levels to posts subject to geographical distribution, to continue his efforts to ensure that all Member States, in particular the unrepresented and under-represented Member States, are adequately represented in the Secretariat, bearing in mind the need to increase the number of staff recruited from Member States below the mid-point of their desirable ranges;

4. Requests the Secretary-General in this regard to exercise flexibility in the application of desirable ranges in individual recruitment cases, keeping in view all parts of the present resolution;

5/ A/C.5/48/5.

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to sustain the present ratio between career and fixed-term appointments, and requests him to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session specific proposals on what proportion of appointments should be made on a fixed-term basis;

6. Welcomes the appearance of a comprehensive staff list dated 30 September 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to update it annually for the regular session of the General Assembly;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to increase his efforts in improving the composition of the Secretariat by ensuring a wide and equitable geographical distribution of staff in all departments;

8. Decides to continue its consideration of this issue at the resumed forty-ninth session, inter alia, in the light of the report to be submitted by the Joint Inspection Unit;

III. Status of women in the Secretariat

Recalling Articles 8 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative, budgetary and human resources management matters, including, inter alia, the issue of the representation of women in the Secretariat,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, 6/

1. Expresses its concern that the goals set in its resolution 45/239 C of 21 December 1990 may not be met;

2. Urges the Secretary-General to implement fully the Strategic Plan of Action for Improving the Status of Women in the Secretariat 1995-2000;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include full implementation of the Strategic Plan as a specific performance indicator in the performance appraisal of all managers;

4. Appeals to all Member States to support the efforts of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and related organizations to increase the participation of women in posts in the Professional category and above, by identifying and nominating more women candidates with the requisite qualifications, especially for senior policy-level and decision-making posts, encouraging more women to apply for vacant posts and to sit for the national competitive examinations where applicable and creating and maintaining national rosters of women candidates to be shared with the United Nations, the specialized agencies and related organizations;

6/ A/49/176, annex.

5. Notes the intention of the Secretary-General to include the activities of the Focal Point for Women in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to enable, from within existing resources, the Focal Point for Women effectively to monitor and to facilitate progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan;

7. Urges Member States to make voluntary contributions to that end;

IV. Administration of justice in the Secretariat

Welcoming the intention of the Secretary-General to strengthen the internal justice system of the Organization,

Noting the intention of the Secretary-General to achieve this by facilitating the earlier resolution of disputes before they become formal appeals and professionalizing the appeals and disciplinary machinery,

1. Welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to consult fully with the staff representatives in the development of a new system of internal justice;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a detailed proposal covering, inter alia, the specific institutional, legal and procedural changes required in this regard during the resumed forty-ninth session of the General Assembly in early 1995, and decides to continue its consideration of this issue during the resumed session;

V. Reporting

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the information on staff representation provided to the Fifth Committee during the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, to issue a corrigendum to its report on the costs of staff representation activities 7/ and to report separately to the General Assembly, at the earliest possible opportunity, on the modalities and costs of staff representation since 1992;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to report comprehensively to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of all issues covered in the present resolution;

7/ A/C.5/47/59.

VI. Amendment to the Staff Regulations

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 8/

Approves the amendment to staff regulation 11.1 as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

ANNEX

Amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

Article XI

Appeals

For the existing text, substitute:

Regulation 11.1: The Secretary-General shall establish administrative machinery with staff participation to advise him in case of any appeal by staff members against an administrative decision alleging the non-observance of their terms of appointment, including all pertinent regulations and rules.

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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

Final appropriation for the biennium 1990-1991

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/202 of 21 December 1989 approving the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991,

Recalling also its resolution 46/184 C of 20 December 1991 on the net appropriation for the biennium 1990-1991, authorizing a net additional amount of $13,867,100 to be committed in respect of the regular budget for the biennium 1990-1991,

Recalling further that the Board of Auditors concluded that maintaining supernumerary staff beyond 31 December 1989 bypassed the objective of the retrenchment mandated by the General Assembly and that payments in 1990-1991 to such supernumerary staff should not have been effected without prior approval of the Assembly,

Noting that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions had agreed that an additional amount would have to be appropriated for 1990-1991 and had recommended that the question of an assessment in respect of that amount be dealt with in connection with the financial report as for the biennium 1992-1993,

Noting also that the financial statements for the biennium 1992-1993 1/ indicated that a surplus of $37,468,110 was available for credit to Member States against their assessments for 1995,

1. Regrets the decision of the Secretary-General to maintain supernumerary staff beyond 31 December 1989 without prior approval of the General Assembly;

2. Regrets also the lack of transparency in the reports to the General Assembly regarding payments to supernumerary staff beyond 31 December 1989;

3. Takes note of the Secretary-General's intention to complete the retrenchment mandated by the General Assembly by 31 December 1994;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to exercise utmost discipline in financial management to ensure compliance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, including Rule 114.1 on personal responsibility, and to include full implementation of those regulations and rules as a specific performance indicator in the performance appraisal of all managers;

5. Decides to appropriate for the biennium 1990-1991 an additional amount of $17,233,000 and to increase the estimates of income for the biennium 1990-1991 by $7,297,000 under income section 1 and $1,982,300 under income sections 2 and 3;

6. Also decides that the net increase in appropriations for the biennium 1990-1991 as approved in the preceding paragraph shall be set off against the budgetary surplus available to Member States for the biennium 1992-1993.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/49/5).

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 48/240 B of 29 July 1994, and pending its review of the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique:

(a) Authorizes the Secretary-General, on an exceptional basis, to enter into commitments up to the amount of 50,416,300 United States dollars gross (49,656,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique for the period from 16 November 1994 to 31 January 1995, inclusive of the amount of 25 million dollars concurred in by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/240 B;

(b) Decides to apportion, as an ad hoc arrangement, the amount indicated in paragraph (a) among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 30,118,829 dollars gross (29,664,922 dollars net), which is

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1/ A/49/649 and Add.1.

2/ A/49/____.

3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

the amount pertaining to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 20,297,471 dollars gross (19,991,578 dollars net), for the period from 1 to 31 January 1995;

(c) Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph (b) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 759,800 dollars for the period from 16 November 1994 to 31 January 1995, inclusive; 453,907 dollars being the amount pertaining to the period from 16 November to 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 305,893 dollars, to the period from 1 to 31 January 1995.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

Revised draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 48/240 B of 29 July 1994, and pending its review of the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique:

(a) Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of 25,416,300 United States dollars gross (24,656,500 dollars net), with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the liquidation of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique for the period from 16 November 1994 to 31 January 1995, in addition to the amount of 25 million dollars commitment authority already granted by the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 48/240 B;

(b) Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to present a written report on the revised cost estimates for the liquidation phase as contained in the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ as soon as possible and no later than 15 January 1995 to enable the General Assembly to take a decision on the assessment of the commitment authority granted above before 31 January 1995;

(c) Recalls its request in paragraph 16 of its resolution 48/240 B for a report on the liquidation phase of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique and requests the Secretary-General to present a preliminary report on this issue as soon as possible to facilitate the General Assembly's decision on the assessment referred to above.

1/ A/49/649 and Add.1.

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Action taken on certain documents

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the following documents until its resumed forty-ninth session:

(a) Jurisdictional and procedural mechanisms for proper management of resources and funds of the United Nations; 1/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Management of buildings in the United Nations system"; 2/

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Staff turnover and delays in recruitment (the lapse factor)"; 3/

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the use of retirees in the United Nations Secretariat; 4/

1/ A/49/98 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

2/ A/49/560.

3/ A/49/564.

4/ A/C.5/49/___.

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on reforms of the administration of justice in the Secretariat; 5/

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the modalities and costs of staff representation since 1992; 6/

(g) First report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 7/

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of travel and related entitlements for staff members of the United Nations; 8/

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on the publications policy of the United Nations; 9/

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on office accommodation at Geneva; 10/

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates for conference services at Vienna; 11/

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of staff assessment and the Tax Equalization Fund; 12/

(m) Report of the Secretary-General on procedures and norms for creation, suppression, reclassification, conversion and redeployment of posts; 13/

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on special representatives, envoys and related positions; 14/

5/ A/C.5/49/___.

6/ A/C.5/49/___.

7/ A/49/7.

8/ A/C.5/48/83.

9/ A/C.5/48/10.

10/ A/C.5/48/29.

11/ A/C.5/49/24.

12/ A/48/932.

13/ A/49/339 and Corr.1.

14/ A/C.5/49/50.

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations telecommunications system; 15/

(p) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: pension scheme for the members of the International Court of Justice; 16/

(q) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and allowances of the members of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991; 17/

(r) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission; 18/

(s) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia; 19/

(t) Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of administration and management of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia; 20/

(u) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991; 21/

(v) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Military Liaison Team in Cambodia; 22/

(w) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador. 23/

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1995-1996

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approves the biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1995-1996 annexed hereto.

Annex

BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE FIFTH COMMITTEE FOR 1995-1996

A. Programme of work for 1995

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 1/

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

6. Joint Inspection Unit

1/ Under this item, the Committee is to consider the proposed programme budget for the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.

7. Pattern of conferences

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

9. United Nations common system

10. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

11. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council

13. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B. Programme of work for 1996

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

4. Programme planning

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

6. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

7. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

8. Pattern of conferences

9. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

10. Human resource management

11. United Nations common system

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ recalling its resolution 48/250 B of 23 June 1994, and pending its review of the updated reports of the Secretary-General 3/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 4/ on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara:

(a) Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the additional amount of 2,670,350 United States dollars gross (7,850 dollars net credit) for the period ending 30 November 1994;

(b) Also decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph (a) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 2,678,200 dollars approved for the period ending 30 November 1994;

1/ A/49/559.

2/ A/49/771.

3/ A/49/559/Add.1.

4/ A/49/___.

(c) Further decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the maintenance of the Mission in the amount of 6.4 million dollars gross (5,937,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1994 to 31 January 1995;

(d) Decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the month of January 1995 in the additional amount of 2.2 million dollars, subject to the decision of the Security Council on the deployment of the required staff for the acceleration of the work of the Identification Commission and the review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(e) Also decides to review this question at the resumed session of the General Assembly in February 1995;

(f) Approves, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution.

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara until payment is effected.

2. Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3.

3. Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate.

4. At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefore shall be surrendered.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: RELOCATION OF BELARUS AND UKRAINE TO THE GROUP OF MEMBER STATES SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3 (c) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 43/232

Draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur following informal consultations

Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

The General Assembly, on the recommendations of the Fifth Committee, decides:

(a) To consider, as an exceptional measure, any arrears of Belarus and Ukraine as at 1 January 1995 and for 1995 in the financing of peace-keeping operations as being due to conditions beyond their control and, accordingly, that the question of the applicability of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations related to the loss of voting rights in the General Assembly in this respect would not arise;

(b) To continue consideration of item 132 (b) at the resumed forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/260 of 14 July 1994, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme budget section to include the activities mandated under programme 45 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, entitled "Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development",

Having considered the supplementary report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General 2/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

1. Decides to accept the redeployment of 428,500 United States dollars from section 3 to section 8 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, as proposed by the Secretary-General;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review his proposal for additional resources in the light of the comments of Member States in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and of the Advisory Committee

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1/ A/C.5/48/74/Add.1.

2/ A/C.5/48/74 and Add.1.

3/ A/48/7/Add.8.

on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to submit it through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare a draft budget section containing his proposals, for implementation during the biennium 1996-1997, for activities mandated under programme 45 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, entitled "Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development", taking into account the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to submit it through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA II

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Somalia, and resolution 814 (1993) of 26 March 1993, by which the Council expanded the size and mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, and the subsequent resolutions of the Council which extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 954 (1994) of 4 November 1994, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 31 March 1995,

Recalling also its resolution 47/41 of 1 December 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia and its subsequent resolutions and decisions, the latest of which were resolution 48/239 of 24 March 1994 and decision 49/414 of 8 December 1994,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1/ A/48/850/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, A/49/563 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

2/ A/49/762 and Corr.1.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Operation in Somalia II with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Expressing deep concern about the loss of the United Nations assets and the theft of 3.9 million United States dollars from the United Nations Operation in Somalia II and the absence of any detailed formal report in writing on this matter to date on the part of the Secretariat,

Reiterating the need for transparency in the relationship between the Secretariat and Member States in such matters,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to give a written report to the General Assembly no later than 31 January 1995 on the progress of the investigation undertaken by the Office of Internal Oversight Services and action thereon to determine responsibility for the theft of 3.9 million dollars, and to recover the missing funds, as well as disciplinary measures taken in this regard, and controls put in place to avoid the recurrence of similar incidents in future;

2. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II as at 20 December 1994, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 192,869,981 dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

4. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II promptly and in full;

5. Expresses concern at the slow progress in the reimbursement to Member States for the use of contingent-owned and other equipment and urges the

Secretary-General to enhance his efforts in this regard in view of the imminent closure of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

6. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

7. Endorses also the request to the Board of Auditors, contained in paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, to conduct, in the course of its audit of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, a specific examination of the contractual and logistic services including the negotiation and award of contracts, the procedure for establishing the price in relation to the quality and level of the services rendered, control and monitoring of expenditure, and certification of such expenditure by the United Nations;

8. Decides to appropriate, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II the amount of 245,447,700 dollars gross (242,110,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 June to 30 September 1994, authorized under General Assembly resolution 48/239;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 154,885,034 dollars gross (152,664,834 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/239, to apportion the additional amount of 90,562,666 dollars gross (89,445,766 dollars net) for the period from 1 June to 30 September 1994 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 1,116,900 dollars for the period from 1 June to 30 September 1994;

11. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the additional unencumbered balance of 2,498,300 dollars gross (1,920,400 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 May to 31 October 1993;

12. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 25,404,400 dollars gross (23,746,900 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 November 1993 to 31 May 1994;

13. Decides further to appropriate, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 2/ to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II the amount of 253,704,400 dollars gross (250,405,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 October 1994 to 28 February 1995;

14. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 253,704,400 dollars gross (250,405,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 October 1994 to 28 February 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B, 45/269, 46/198 A and 47/218 A and its decision 48/472 A, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 167,420,200 dollars gross (165,083,000 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 86,284,200 dollars gross (85,322,600 dollars net), for the period from 1 January to 28 February 1995;

15. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,298,800 dollars for the period from 1 October 1994 to 28 February 1995; 2,337,200 dollars being the amount pertaining to the period from 1 October to 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 961,600 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 28 February 1995;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, in the context of the revised cost estimates related to the final mandate period of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, on the disposal of the Operation's assets and liabilities, so as to enable appropriate decisions to be taken by the General Assembly during its resumed forty-ninth session;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II are administered under the authority of his Special Representative in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in accordance with the relevant mandate, and to include information on the arrangements made in this regard in his report on the financing of the Operation;

3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/___.

19. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II".

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Support account for peace-keeping operations

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly

(a) Decides to authorize, for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1995, three hundred and forty-six established posts, including the conversion from general temporary assistance of one D-1 and one P-5 for the Peace-keeping Financing Division and one D-1 and one P-5 for the Field Missions Procurement Service, and the continuation of the remaining sixty-one general temporary assistance posts funded from the support account for peace-keeping operations in the amount of 14,105,900 United States dollars to be used for the departments and offices as described in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

(b) Notes that the contractual arrangements applying to staff recruited specifically for posts financed from the support account provide for rapid adjustments to any decrease in the level of resources available under the current arrangements;

(c) Decides to authorize for a period of six months 86,000 dollars under general temporary assistance for the position of Special Adviser to the Secretary-General and resources for a period of three months for overtime (52,500 dollars), travel on official business (30,000 dollars), training (132,400 dollars) and general temporary assistance (77,900 dollars);

1/ A/49/717.

(d) Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to provide a full report on the management and financing of support activities for peace-keeping operations by 15 March 1995, paying particular attention to the need for operational flexibility in response to changing backstopping requirements, and to the justification for overall post requirements in this area.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the mandate of the Force was extended, the latest of which was resolution 962 (1994) of 29 November 1994,

Recalling its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 48/253 of 26 May 1994,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,

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1/ A/49/553.

2/ A/49/785 and Corr.1.

a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the surplus balances in the Suspense Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have been used to meet the expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. Expresses its deep concern about the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 November 1994, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 65,900,000 United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contribution;

2. Expresses its concern about the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation has on reimbursement to troop contributors, placing an additional burden on those countries and putting at risk the continuing supply of troops to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

3. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

5. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 16,080,000 United States dollars gross (15,594,000 dollars net), authorized and apportioned by the Assembly in paragraph 18 of its resolution 48/253 for the operation of the Force for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1994, inclusive;

6. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 16,065,500 dollars gross (15,566,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1994 to 31 May 1995, inclusive of the amount of 2,678,000 dollars gross (2,594,000 dollars net) authorized by the General Assembly in its decision 49/___ of ___ December 1994;

7. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount referred to in paragraph 6 above among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, the scale of assessments for the year 1994, 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 2,677,580 dollars gross, which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 13,387,920 dollars gross, for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1995, inclusive;

8. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 492,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 December 1994 to 31 May 1995, inclusive, 82,000 dollars, being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994 and the balance, that is, 410,000 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1995, inclusive;

9. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment of Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the estimate other income of 7,500 dollars approved for the period from 1 December 1994 to 31 May 1995, inclusive; 1,250 dollars, being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 6,250 dollars, for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1995, inclusive;

10. Decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the surplus balance of 5,330,932 dollars for the period from 1 December 1991 to 30 November 1992, inclusive, as well as the surplus balance of 3,775,797 dollars for the period from 1 December 1992 to 30 November 1993, inclusive;

11. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed 2,677,583 dollars gross (2,594,000 dollars net) per month for a period up to six months from 1 June 1995, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 962 (1994), the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

12 Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a

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3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/___.

financial performance report for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 December 1993 to 30 November 1994;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East" the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Council resolution 938 (1994) of 28 July 1994,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 48/254 of 26 May 1994,

Affirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/49/644.

2/ See A/49/785 and Corr.1.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 34/9 E of 17 December 1979 and the subsequent resolutions in which it decided that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations should be suspended, the latest of which was resolution 47/205,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions in cash have been made to the Force by a certain Government,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the Force have been used up for meeting expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions, and have consequently been exhausted,

1. Expresses deep concern about the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation has on reimbursement to troop contributors, placing an additional burden on these countries and putting at risk the continuing supply of troops to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and that this, inter alia, affects the implementation of its mandate;

2. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

4. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force promptly and in full;

5. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 71,142,000 United States dollars gross (68,847,000 dollars net), authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 15 of its resolution 48/254 for the operation of the Force from 1 August 1994 to 31 January 1995, inclusive;

6. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in paragraph 5 above a total amount of 67,407,000 dollars gross (65,225,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1995, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 January 1995 and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

7. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount referred to in paragraph 6 above among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1995, 3/ subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 January 1995 and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

8. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the estimated income of 10,000 dollars other than staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1995, inclusive;

9. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the assessment among Member states, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,172,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 February to 31 July 1995, inclusive;

10. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Force at a rate not to exceed 11,234,500 dollars gross (10,870,830 dollars net) per month for a period of up to six months beginning on 1 August 1995, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond 31 July 1995, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

11. Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the amount of 17,978,460 dollars, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered into the account referred to in the operative part of General Assembly resolution 34/9 E and held in suspense until a further decision is taken by the Assembly;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee, a financial performance report for the Force for the period from 1 February 1994 to 31 January 1995;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the

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3/ See resolution 49/___.

Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, by which it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 2/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

1. Reaffirms that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of (a) a preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium; (b) priorities reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature; (c) real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget; and (d) the size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

1/ A/49/310.

2/ See A/49/16 (Part II).

3/ A/49/796 and Corr.1.

2. Reaffirms also that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, promote a greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process and thereby facilitate the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

3. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,574,000,000 United States dollars at the initial 1994-1995 rates, recosted to 2,548,400,000 dollars at revised 1994-1995 rates and taking into account also actual expenditure data as available for 1994;

5. Notes that the preliminary estimate includes a provision to reinforce backstopping of peace-keeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, to base his request on such decisions as the General Assembly may take on the question of criteria for sharing the costs of backstopping peace-keeping operations;

6. Decides that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate at 1996-1997 rates, namely at 20.6 million dollars;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, information on the nature of expenses charged to the contingency fund thus far, as requested by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 10 of its report.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council renewed the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 950 (1994) of 21 October 1994,

Recalling also its decision 48/478 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was 48/247 B of 29 July 1994,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is

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1/ A/49/571 and Add.1.

2/ A/49/786.

required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia as at __ December 1994, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of _____ United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the Liberian peace process are administered in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia a total amount of 17,548,300 dollars gross (16,887,800 dollars net), for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 22 April to 22 October 1994;

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 7,520,900 dollars gross (7,335,700 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/247 A of 5 April 1994, to apportion the amount of 10,027,400 dollars gross (9,552,100 dollars net) for the period from 22 April to 22 October 1994 among Member States in accordance with the composition of the groups set out by the General Assembly in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A

of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out by the Assembly in its resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 475,300 dollars approved for the period ending 22 October 1994;

9. Decides that there shall be set off against the assessment of Member States as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 10,027,400 dollars gross (9,552,100 dollars net) in respect of the period from 22 September 1993 to 21 April 1994;

10. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia the amount of 4,303,260 dollars gross (4,079,970 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 3 million dollars gross (2,864,400 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/229 of 23 December 1993 for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 23 October 1994 to 13 January 1995;

11. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 4,303,260 dollars gross (4,079,970 dollars net) for the period from 23 October 1994 to 13 January 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of the groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B, 45/269, 46/198 A and 47/218 A and its decision 48/472 A, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 3,629,255 dollars gross (3,440,939 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessment for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 674,005 dollars gross (639,031 dollars net), for the period from 1 to 13 January 1995, inclusive;

12. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the assessment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 223,290 dollars approved for the period from 23 October 1994 to 13 January 1995, inclusive, 188,316 dollars, being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 34,974 dollars, for the period from 1 to 13 January 1995, inclusive;

3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/___.

13. Decides also that there shall be set off against the assessment among Member States, as provided in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the remaining unencumbered balance of 2,402,500 dollars gross (2,800,700 dollars net) in respect of the period from 22 September 1993 to 21 April 1994;

14. Decides further, with regard to the period beyond 13 January 1995, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Observer Mission at a rate not to exceed 1,593,800 dollars gross (1,511,100 dollars net) per month for a period of six months for the maintenance of the Observer Mission, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 13 January 1995 and that the said amount be assessed among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

15. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia".

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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that the capacity to pay of Member States is the fundamental criterion for determining the scale of assessments,

Recognizing the obligation of Member States, under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/223 B of 23 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions, 1/

1. Reaffirms the importance of the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions for the General Assembly in deciding the apportionment of the expenses of the Organization among Member States in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. Resolves that the scale of assessments for the contributions of Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997 shall be as follows:

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/49/11).

Member State	1995	1996	1997
		(Percentage)	
Afghanistan	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Albania	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Algeria	0.16	0.1600	0.16
Andorra	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Angola	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Antigua and Barbuda	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Argentina	0.48	0.4800	0.48
Armenia	0.08	0.0550	0.05
Australia	1.46	1.4800	1.48
Austria	0.85	0.8650	0.87
Azerbaijan	0.16	0.1175	0.11
Bahamas	0.02	0.0200	0.02
Bahrain	0.02	0.0200	0.02
Bangladesh	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Barbados	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Belarus	0.37	0.2925	0.28
Belgium	0.99	1.0075	1.01
Belize	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Benin	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Bhutan	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Bolivia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.02	0.0125	0.01
Botswana	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Brazil	1.62	1.6200	1.62
Brunei Darussalam	0.02	0.0200	0.02
Bulgaria	0.10	0.0825	0.08
Burkina Faso	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Burundi	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Cambodia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Cameroon	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Canada	3.07	3.1025	3.11
Cape Verde	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Central African Republic	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Chad	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Chile	0.08	0.0800	0.08
China	0.72	0.7350	0.74
Colombia	0.11	0.1000	0.10

Member State	1995	1996	1997
		(Percentage)	
Comoros	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Congo	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Costa Rica	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Côte d'Ivoire	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Croatia	0.10	0.0900	0.09
Cuba	0.07	0.0525	0.05
Cyprus	0.03	0.0300	0.03
Czech Republic	0.32	0.2600	0.25
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.04	0.0500	0.05
Denmark	0.70	0.7175	0.72
Djibouti	0.01	0.(`0	0.01
Dominica	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Dominican Republic	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Ecuador	0.02	0.0200	0.02
Egypt	0.07	0.0700	0.08
El Salvador	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Equatorial Guinea	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Eritrea	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Estonia	0.05	0.0425	0.04
Ethiopia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Fiji	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Finland	0.61	0.6175	0.62
France	6.32	6.4075	6.42
Gabon	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Gambia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Georgia	0.16	0.1175	0.11
Germany	8.94	9.0425	9.06
Ghana	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Greece	0.37	0.3800	0.38
Grenada	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Guatemala	0.02	0.0200	0.02
Guinea	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Guinea-Bissau	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Guyana	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Haiti	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Honduras	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Hungary	0.15	0.1400	0.14

Member State	1995	1996	1997
		(Percentage)	
Iceland	0.03	0.0300	0.03
India	0.31	0.3100	0.31
Indonesia	0.14	0.1400	0.14
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.60	0.4675	0.45
Iraq	0.14	0.1400	0.14
Ireland	0.20	0.2100	0.21
Israel	0.26	0.2675	0.27
Italy	4.79	5.1975	5.25
Jamaica	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Japan	13.95	15.4350	15.65
Jordan	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Kazakhstan	0.26	0.2000	0.19
Kenya	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Kuwait	0.20	0.1900	0.19
Kyrgyzstan	0.04	0.0325	0.03
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Latvia	0.10	0.0825	0.08
Lebanon	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Lesotho	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Liberia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.21	0.2025	0.20
Liechtenstein	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Lithuania	0.11	0.0850	0.08
Luxembourg	0.07	0.0700	0.07
Madagascar	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Malawi	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Malaysia	0.14	0.1400	0.14
Maldives	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Mali	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Malta	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Marshall Islands	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Mauritania	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Mauritius	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Mexico	0.78	0.7875	0.79
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Monaco	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Mongolia	0.01	0.0100	0.01

Member State	1995	1996	1997
		(Percentage)	
Morocco	0.03	0.0300	0.03
Mozambique	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Myanmar	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Namibia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Nepal	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Netherlands	1.58	1.5875	1.59
New Zealand	0.24	0.2400	0.24
Nicaragua	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Niger	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Nigeria	0.16	0.1150	0.11
Norway	0.55	0.5600	0.56
Oman	0.04	0.0400	0.04
Pakistan	0.06	0.0600	0.06
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Panama	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Papua New Guinea	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Paraguay	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Peru	0.06	0.0600	0.06
Philippines	0.06	0.0600	0.06
Poland	0.38	0.3375	0.33
Portugal	0.24	0.2750	0.28
Qatar	0.04	0.0400	0.04
Republic of Korea	0.80	0.8175	0.82
Republic of Moldova	0.11	0.0850	0.08
Romania	0.15	0.1500	0.15
Russian Federation	5.68	4.4500	4.27
Rwanda	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Saint Lucia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Samoa	0.01	0.0100	0.01
San Marino	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Sao Tome and Principe	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Saudi Arabia	0.80	0.7200	0.71

2/ The assessment rate of the Republic of Palau is to be determined by the Committee on Contributions during its fifty-fifth session.

Member State	1995	1996	1997
		(Percentage)	
Senegal	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Seychelles	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Sierra Leone	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Singapore	0.14	0.1400	0.14
Slovakia	0.10	0.0825	0.08
Slovenia	0.07	0.0700	0.07
Solomon Islands	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Somalia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
South Africa	0.34	0.3225	0.32
Spain	2.24	2.3625	2.38
Sri Lanka	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Sudan	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Suriname	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Swaziland	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Sweden	1.22	1.2275	1.23
Syrian Arab Republic	0.05	0.0500	0.05
Tajikistan	0.03	0.0200	0.02
Thailand	0.13	0.1300	0.13
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Togo	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Trinidad and Tobago	0.04	0.0325	0.03
Tunisia	0.03	0.0300	0.03
Turkey	0.34	0.3750	0.38
Turkmenistan	0.04	0.0325	0.03
Uganda	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Ukraine	1.48	1.1400	1.09
United Arab Emirates	0.19	0.1900	0.19
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5.27	5.3150	5.32
United Republic of Tanzania	0.01	0.0100	0.01
United States of America	25.00	25.0000	25.00
Uruguay	0.04	0.0400	0.04
Uzbekistan	0.19	0.1375	0.13
Vanuatu	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Venezuela	0.40	0.3375	0.33
Viet Nam	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Yemen	0.01	0.0100	0.01

Member State	1995	1996	1997
		(Percentage)	
Yugoslavia	0.11	0.1025	0.10
Zaire	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Zambia	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Zimbabwe	0.01	0.0100	0.01
Total	100.00	100.0000	100.00

3. Resolves also that:

(a) Notwithstanding the terms of regulation 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the calendar years 1995, 1996 and 1997 in currencies other than United States dollars;

(b) In accordance with regulation 5.9 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, States which are not members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1995, 1996 and 1997 expenses of the Organization on the basis of the following rates:

Non-Member State	Percentage
Holy See	0.01
Nauru	0.01
Switzerland	1.21
Tonga	0.01

These rates represent the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to non-member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989;

4. Requests the Committee on Contributions to respond appropriately to appeals for review from Member States submitted in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/218 B of 14 September 1993 and its decision 48/472 B of 24 March 1994,

Having considered the reports of and notes by the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Reaffirming Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations in respect of the role of the General Assembly in the consideration and approval of budgets of the Organization,

Reaffirming the requirement of all Member States to fulfil promptly and in full their obligations as set out in the Charter,

Recognizing the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

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1/ A/48/622, A/48/707, A/48/945 and Corr.1, A/49/557, A/48/912, A/48/421 and Add.1 and A/49/717 and Corr.1.

2/ A/49/664 and Add.1.

Recognizing also that late payment of assessed contributions adversely affects the short-term financial situation of the Organization,

Recognizing further the need to improve the management of peace-keeping operations,

Desiring to streamline the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of peace-keeping operations,

Reiterating the importance of continuous dialogue and transparency between the Organization and Member States aimed at improving current administrative and budgetary practices and procedures,

I

Budget cycles

Aware of the substantial workload for the General Assembly, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Secretariat that has resulted from the current procedures for reviewing peace-keeping budgets,

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, contained in paragraph 30 of its report, 3/ relating to financial periods for each peace-keeping operation;

2. Decides in this regard that the financial period for each peace-keeping operation shall be from 1 July to 30 June, and requests the Secretary-General to present the necessary draft amendments to the Financial Regulations for approval by the General Assembly at its resumed forty-ninth session;

3. Decides that for peace-keeping operations with budgetary requirements not subject to fluctuation there would be consideration and approval of a budget once a year;

4. Decides also that for other peace-keeping operations, budgetary estimates would be considered and approved by the General Assembly twice a year, that is, for the periods from 1 July to 31 December and from 1 January to 30 June;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to introduce the procedures described in paragraphs 3 and 4 above as soon as possible and no later than 1 July 1996;

6. Urges the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the consideration of peace-keeping budgetary estimates, the related performance report for each peace-keeping operation for the previous financial period, together with such supplementary, up-to-date financial performance data for the current period as are available, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure,

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3/ A/49/664.

to the extent possible, that reports are based on actual expenditure rather than projected data;

7. Decides that the assessments on Member States of appropriations approved by the General Assembly for peace-keeping operations are subject to the approval of mandates by the Security Council;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit twice a year to the General Assembly for information purposes a table summarizing the proposed budgetary requirements of each peace-keeping operation for the period 1 July to 30 June, including a breakdown of expenditure by major line item and the aggregate total resource requirement;

II

Contingent-owned equipment

Recognizing the problems of the current system pertaining to the determination of the value of contingent-owned equipment and the consequent delay in reimbursement to States providing troops and equipment,

Reiterating the importance of finding an early and viable solution to this problem with a view to ensuring the continued participation of Member States in peace-keeping operations, and welcomes the efforts of the Secretariat in this regard,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 104 to 110 of its report 3/ on the procedures relating to the reimbursement for contingent-owned equipment;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to proceed with the project outlined in the annex to the present resolution, which is aimed at setting comprehensive standards for each category of equipment, as well as establishing rates of reimbursement, on the understanding that Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries, will be invited by the Secretary-General to participate in the process, and that proposals for establishing new rates of reimbursement will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval;

3. Invites Member States to contribute voluntarily to participation in the above-mentioned process, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to meet any expenditure required from within existing budgetary resources;

III

Death and disability benefits

Taking note of the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in paragraphs 70 and 71 of his report 4/ on revising the current arrangements for compensation for death and disability, and the related comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Expressing deep concern at the delay in the settlement of claims in respect of death and disability,

Noting with concern that the report of the Secretary-General 4/ did not provide the Advisory Committee with sufficient information to allow it to make informed recommendations in this respect,

Taking note of the views expressed by Member States,

1. Decides that underlying any system of compensation for death and disability should be the need for:

(a) Equal treatment of Member States;

(b) Compensation to the beneficiary that is not lower than reimbursement by the United Nations;

(c) Simplification of administrative arrangements to the extent possible;

(d) Speedy settlement of claims for death and disability;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to present concrete proposals, based on the principles contained in paragraph 1 above, on possible revisions to the current compensation arrangements and, in doing so, to include detailed information on the administrative and financial implications of, inter alia, the following options:

(a) Current arrangements with a reasonable minimum level of compensation payable for death and disability;

(b) A system of compensation featuring standardized rates of reimbursement for death and disability;

(c) A uniform global insurance scheme to cover all troops;

(d) The proposals submitted by the Secretary-General in paragraph 71 of his report; 4/

4/ A/48/945 and Corr.1.

5/ A/49/664, paras. 88-90.

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the proposals mentioned in paragraph 2 above by 31 May 1995;

IV

Financial authority

Reaffirming the necessity to provide peace-keeping operations with adequate financial resources, especially in their start-up and expanded phases, to enable the timely, full and effective implementation of their mandates in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Mindful that the expenditure incurred for start-up costs or expanded activities of peace-keeping operations in recent years has, on occasion, exceeded the current levels of commitment authority granted to the Secretary-General and to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Decides that, if a decision of the Security Council relating to the start-up phase or expansion phase of peace-keeping operations results in the need for expenditure, the Secretary-General is authorized, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions in paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments not to exceed 50 million United States dollars per decision of the Security Council; the cumulative total of outstanding commitment authority, in respect of the start-up or expansion phase of peace-keeping operations, shall not at any one time, exceed 150 million dollars, however, appropriation by the General Assembly of any outstanding commitments shall automatically restore the balance of the limit of 150 million dollars to the extent of the amount appropriated;

3. Decides also that, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitment for the start-up or expansion phase of peace-keeping operations in an amount exceeding 50 million dollars per decision of the Security Council, or exceeding the total of the 150 million dollars referred to above, the matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, as soon as possible, for a decision on commitment authority and assessment;

4. Decides further that the question of assessment of an appropriate amount of the costs relating to the start-up and expansion phases of peace-keeping operations shall be considered by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session in the light of the experience gained from the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Resolves that the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee shall report to the General Assembly on any exercise of the commitment authority authorized under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, in the context of the next report submitted to the Assembly on the financing of the relevant peace-keeping operation;

V

Host country agreements

1. Takes note of Security Council resolution 868 (1993) of 29 September 1993, and recalls General Assembly resolution 48/42 of 10 December 1993;

2. Endorses the views of the Secretary-General 6/ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 7/ on the necessity of securing host country agreements prior to mission deployment;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his reports to the General Assembly on financing of each peace-keeping operation or mission, information related to the status of the negotiation of the host country agreement and its implementation in so far as it relates to the administration of the peace-keeping operation;

4. Encourages Member States to meet all their obligations under host country agreements;

VI

International contractual personnel

Noting with deep concern the issues raised by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 69 to 71 of its report, 3/

Noting the information provided by the representatives of the Secretary-General on the use of international contractual personnel,

1. Endorses the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 69 of its report; 3/

2. Notes that a thorough and independent investigation and evaluation of the use of international contractual personnel in the United Nations Protection Force, called for by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 72 of its report, is currently being carried out by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and requests that the results of this study be submitted to the General Assembly in order to enable it to take a decision on this issue at its resumed forty-ninth session;

3. Decides that, pending the outcome of the investigation and evaluation and the decision by the General Assembly referred to in paragraph 2 above, the pilot project on the use of international contractual personnel shall not be extended beyond the United Nations Protection Force;

6/ A/49/945, paras. 105 and 106.

7/ A/49/664, para. 114.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide it with a report on the steps taken to address the concerns expressed by the Advisory Committee at the resumed forty-ninth session;

VII

Liquidation

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/240 B of 29 July 1994 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, and decision 48/496 of the same date on the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

1. Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General for the disposition of assets following liquidation of peace-keeping operations or other missions, and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding efforts to be made to obtain from the relevant Government its agreement to compensate the United Nations for residual value of any surplus assets installed in the country in accordance with paragraph 110 (d) of the report of the Secretary-General, 4/ or General Assembly approval for those assets which would be considered as contributions;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, no later than 31 March 1995, on the feasibility of procedures for valuation and transfer of costs for assets to be redeployed from a peace-keeping operation during its liquidation phase to other peace-keeping operations or other United Nations bodies, and for reimbursement to the special account of the liquidating operation as expeditiously as possible;

VIII

Mission subsistence allowance

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraphs 80 to 85 of its report 3/ concerning mission subsistence allowance;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review the entitlements of staff assigned to field missions, including the purpose of and basis for the establishment of mission subsistence allowance, and to present a report thereon to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

IX

Review by the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake, without prejudice to its programme of work, an inspection of the units within the Secretariat responsible for logistical, operational and administrative arrangements in peace-keeping and other field operations, with a view to identifying problems and recommending measures to enhance the efficient utilization of resources, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-ninth session,

X

Oversight

Recalling its resolution 47/218 B on administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Welcoming the initiatives of the Secretary-General to enhance oversight of peace-keeping operations, as described in his report 4/ submitted in response to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 8/

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1993 and report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peace-keeping operations, 9/

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee, 2/ as well as the introductory statement of its Chairman,

1. Endorses the proposal that some peace-keeping operations may require a resident audit function, encourages the Secretary-General to include in future peace-keeping budget submissions for such peace-keeping operations proposals for resident auditor posts, with full justification, as necessary, and requests him to take appropriate measures to ensure functional independence of the auditors in the conduct of their duties in accordance with paragraph 56 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine alternative methods for enhancing the audit functions in those peace-keeping operations which will not have resident auditors, and their relative costs, and to make proposals to the General Assembly for its consideration no later than the fiftieth session;

3. Endorses the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee with respect to the concepts of a roving finance officer and a management review officer, and requests the Secretary-General to clarify further those concepts, as well as the accountability of programme managers, in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly no later than at its fiftieth regular session;

XI

Peace-keeping Reserve Fund

Having considered the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in paragraphs 37 to 41 of his report 4/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 15 to 19 of its report: 2/

8/ A/47/990.

9/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/49/5), vol. II.

1. Decides to maintain the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund at its present level at the present stage;

2. Recalls its resolution 47/217 of 23 December 1992, and decides to limit the utilization of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund to the start-up phase of new peace-keeping operations, to the expansion of existing ones or to unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures related to peace-keeping;

3. Strongly urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure full and timely payment of their assessed contributions for peace-keeping operations, so as to improve the cash-flow situation by enabling replenishment of the relevant reserves;

XII

Rotation of troops

1. Underlines that responsibility for the duration of tours of duty of contingents assigned to peace-keeping operations is an operational matter that lies primarily with troop-contributing Governments;

2. Takes note of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 77 of its report 3/ regarding the advisability of extending the duration of duty and timing of rotation of military personnel serving in peace-keeping operations, and the views expressed by Member States;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, given the operational implications of the question of the tours of duty of contingents, to present the report referred to in paragraph 77 of the report of the Advisory Committee, to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations;

XIII

Standardization of the budget process and format

1. Endorses the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 41 to 47 of its report; 3/

2. Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General on the improvements to the budget format, as summarized in paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and calls upon the Secretary-General to prepare all future peace-keeping budgets accordingly;

3. Welcomes the development of the Standard Cost Manual, to be made available to Member States before 1 May 1995, and the modifications proposed by the Secretary-General, including standardized costing, ratios and variance analysis;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide it with a mock-up budget for a single peace-keeping operation, based on the above-mentioned Standard Cost

Manual, for its consideration, taking into account the comments of the Advisory Committee and the views expressed by Member States;

5. Requests the Advisory Committee to review the proposed Standard Cost Manual and the mock-up budget by 31 August 1995, with a view to presenting its views on them to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

XIV

Start-up kits

Welcoming with appreciation the establishment at Brindisi of the first permanent United Nations logistics base to support peace-keeping operations, the premises of which have been put at the disposal of the Organization at no cost,

Endorses the request of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a detailed report, including further information regarding the financial and personnel arrangements, cost parameters, legislative justification, issues of ownership and inventory control of stocked equipment, accounting procedures and alternatives for mission start-up kits, as well as the use of the Brindisi logistics base for storage and maintenance, to be submitted to the General Assembly before the end of its forty-ninth session.

ANNEX

Project plan and time-line for reform of methodology and procedures for determining reimbursements to troop-contributing countries for contingent-owned equipment

Standardization project plan

In order to simplify the process of reimbursement for contingent-owned equipment, and thereby reduce the lead-time associated with the payment of claims, the following project intends to standardize the equipment for which reimbursement will be authorized and to identify appropriate rates of reimbursement for such equipment. This effort will be undertaken in five phases:

(a) Phase I (1 January 1995-14 March 1995). The Secretariat will prepare draft guidelines on the types of items to be included as standards for contingent-owned equipment, such as systems (aircraft, vehicles, etc.); major repairable equipment (generators, communications equipment, etc.); and other equipment and consumables (tentage, mess gear, paper, etc.) for which reimbursement shall be authorized when deployed in connection with a battalion of troops or specialized companies such as medical, signals, aviation support, logistics, communications, etc. Pursuant to the guidelines provided, Member States will provide comments and recommendations which will be consolidated and presented to the phase II working group. Member States will be asked to provide their comments and recommendations and notify the United Nations of their intent to participate in the phase II working group not later than 10 February 1995;

(b) Phase II (15 March-14 May 1995). A review of the comments and recommendations of Member States will be conducted by the Secretariat in order to provide a consolidated working paper to the representatives of Member States participating in the phase II working group. Consultations with and among representatives of Member States will form the basis for the development of a single comprehensive document identifying those standard requirements for which reimbursement will be authorized;

(c) Phase III (17 May-15 June 1995). A fixed scale will be developed identifying annual reimbursement rates for each of the systems (with appropriate adjustment factors being applied according to the source of maintenance support provided, for example, a wet lease/dry lease concept), authorized as a result of the phase II working group consolidation by selected financial analysts of participating Member States. This phase will also result in the development of a single flat rate of reimbursement for all other equipment and consumables;

(d) Phase IV. This phase will involve implementation, at United Nations Headquarters and in field missions, of this revised reimbursement procedure, including specifically the distribution of a note verbale by 15 July 1995 initiating revised reimbursement procedures for contingent-owned equipment, implementation of revised budgeting practices incorporating new reimbursement rates for contingent-owned equipment in budgets prepared after 1 August 1995 and development of automated systems to process claims for reimbursement;

(e) Phase V. This phase will involve a periodic review and update of the phase II and phase III standards to be completed on a triennial basis, with the first review scheduled for March 1998.